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1. EMBASSY OFFICER MET ON JANUARY 27 WITH H. HOACHIM SKIRDE, A DEPUTY GENERAL DIRECTOR OF NAHRUNG EXPORT-IMPORT TO VERIFY DATA ON U.S. SOYBEAN MEAL COMMITMENTS TO GDR PROVIDED IN REFTEL A. SKIRDE WAS POLITE BUT GENERALLY UNCOMMUNICATIVE. CONSIDERING PREVIOUS UNFORTUNATE EXPERIENCE WE HAVE HAD IN ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING GDR PLANS FOR IMPORT OF U.S. AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES (BERLIN 6051, NOV. 11, 1974), EMBASSY OFFICER DID NOT PRESS INQUIRY.

2. SKIRDE NEITHER CONFIRMED NOR DENIED ACCURACY OF STATISTICS CONCERNING GDR, AND HE MADE NO OFFER TO CHECK NAHRUNG'S RECORDS. (EMBASSY NEVERTHELESS HAD HOPED THAT SKIRDE WOULD STILL PROVIDE US WITH THIS INFORMATION IN WEEK JUST ENDED.) SKIRDE DID SAY THAT FIGURES

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SUPPLIED IN REFTEL A APPROXIMATED VOLUME OF GDR SOY-

BEANS IMPORTS FROM U.S. IN PREVIOUS YEARS. HE SUGGESTED THAT AMERICAN DEALERS MAY HAVE SUBMITTED FIGURE IN "OUTSTANDING EXPORT SALES" COLUMN TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN EXPECTATION THAT SUCH A VOLUME OF GDR ORDERS WOULD EVENTUALLY BE FORTHCOMING. SKIRDE INTIMATED GDR WOULD PROBABLY ORDER SUCH SOYBEAN MEAL QUANTITIES BUT THAT TIMING OF ORDERS WOULD BE SUCH AS TO ASSURE THAT PURCHASES WERE EFFECTED AT LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES. HE NOTED, IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT PRICES FOR MEAL WERE NOW ALMOST ONE-THIRD BELOW THOSE OBTAINING AT BEGINNING OF CROP YEAR.COOPER

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